

First Presbyterian Church in Old Westport
Schaefer and Pennsylvania Ave.
Kansas City, Missouri
Jackson Co.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
DISTRICT OF MISSOURI (NO. 31)

PROJECT NO. 31-18 - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

40th and Pennsylvania Ave.
Kansas City, Missouri

Date of Erection 1857
Number of Drawings 3

This building is owned by Kate Heyl,
3908 Washington St., Kansas City, Mo.
Occupied by The Denver Mud. Chem. Co.

This structure is of brick and wood,
with shingle roof.

When built, this was the Union Church
for a brief time. Later it became the
Presbyterian Church and it is still
known by that name. It was the second
church building erected in Westport, and
now is the oldest one standing, in Kansas
City.

This was the last church on the outpost
of civilization in pioneer days, and like
other old buildings in this section it
was used as a hospital after the Battle
of Westport.

It was before a gathering in this building
that Senator Benton made the prophesy that
'a great city would take form between the
Missouri River and the (then) settlement
of Westport'.

Historical Data supplied by Mrs. Ada G. MacLaughlin

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